

## **SCHOOLS FORUM**

MEETING, 14<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, 2022

### **Representing Primary School Head teachers**

Vicky Chatterjee	Clarendon Primary School
Jo Briggs	Hardy Mill Primary School
Lesley Jackson (as deputy for Jo Grundy)	St. John's (Bromley Cross) Primary School
Julie Cheung	Brownlow Fold Primary School

### **Representing Primary School Governors**

Daniel Gauld	Heathfield Primary School
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### **Representing Secondary School Governors**

Patti Jones	St. Joseph's RC High School
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### **Representing Secondary School Headteachers**

Andrea O'Callaghan	Thornleigh College
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### **Representing Academy Schools**

Dominic McKeon	Little Lever School
Rachel Lucas	Bolton St. Catherine's Academy

### **Representing Nursery Schools**

Sue Pounds	Grosvenor Nursery School
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### **Representing Academy AP Settings**

David Smith	Bolton Impact Trust
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### **Representing Special Schools**

Susan Tailor (Vice-Chairman)	Ladywood School
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### **Representing the Unions**

Lauren Alergant	Unison
Matthew Wilkinson	Joint Teaching Unions

### **Also in Attendance**

Councillor Galloway	BMBC
Paul Rankin	Deputy Director of Children's Services
Julie Edwards	Chief Executives Department
Lisa Butcher	Chief Executives Department
Ian D Mulholland	Democratic Services

Apologies for absence were submitted by Sarah Bagshaw, Nicola Rabbett, Simon Bramwell, Julie Robinson, Clair Beswick, Joanne Murphy and Jo Grundy)

Daniel Gauld, Chairman

## **45. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Schools Forum held on 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2021 were submitted.

Resolved – That the minutes of the last meeting be signed as a correct record.

## **46. 2022-2023 DSG BUDGET REPORT**

The Director of People and the Deputy Chief Executive submitted a joint report which summarised the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) position for 2022-23 and also sought agreement on recommendations to the Executive Cabinet Member.

The report explained that the initial 2022-23 DSG for Bolton, before academy recoupment and high needs places deduction, had been confirmed as £332,780,000.

The report went on to give specific details in terms of –

- Schools funding formula consultation;
- Transfer 0.5% of schools budget to high needs;
- Minimum funding guarantee;
- 2022/23 formula details,
- The growth fund;

- Reconciliation to DSG Schools Block;
- De-delegation;
- Central Schools Services Block;
- Early Years Block;
- High Needs Block;
- Schools Supplementary grant: and
- Pupil Premium.

Members in their discussions referred to matters around special school funding.

Resolved – That the Executive Cabinet Member be recommended to approve the following, as detailed in the report, viz-

- (i) The transfer of 0.5% of the Schools Block to the high Needs Block by not including the area cost adjustment within the formula.
- (ii) Adopt a minimum funding guarantee of 2% per pupil.
- (iii) Approve the 2022-23 unit values in appendix B.
- (iv) Growth Fund criteria
- (v) De-delegation levels.
- (vi) Central Schools Services expenditure.
- (vii) Early Years expenditure.

#### **47. FORMULA REVIEW SUB-GROUP MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 were submitted.

Resolved – That the minutes be noted.

#### **48. EARLY YEARS SUB-GROUP MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 were submitted.

Resolved – That the minutes be noted.

(The meeting started at 2.00pm and finished at 2.38pm)